

Important Message

for People with
MaineCare and Medicare



If you have
MaineCare and
Medicare,
your drug
coverage will
change on
January 1, 2006.

Why is my drug coverage changing?

In 2003, Congress approved new Medicare prescription drug coverage. This coverage starts January 1, 2006.

This coverage is sometimes called Medicare Part D.

What does this mean to me?

The new Medicare prescription drug coverage will replace your current MaineCare prescription drug coverage. Many Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) will offer coverage in Maine. Each will cover a different list of drugs. Drugs now covered by MaineCare may not be covered by the PDPs.

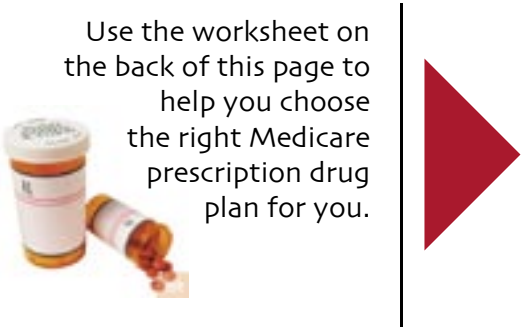
Because you are a MaineCare member, you will not have to pay a deductible or premium for most plans. However, you will have a small co-payment based on your income and the kind of drug. If you don't pay your co-pay, the pharmacy may not give you your drugs.

In October, Medicare will randomly assign you to one of the Prescription Drug Plans available in Maine. They will send you a letter telling you the name of the PDP. You can stay in this PDP or change to another one that meets your drug coverage needs better. If you decide to keep the Medicare assigned PDP, you don't have to do anything. Medicare will automatically enroll you in the PDP.

You will be able to change your PDP any-time in case your drug coverage needs change or the PDP changes the list of drugs it covers.

When can I enroll in a Prescription Drug Plan if I don't want to keep the Medicare assigned PDP?

- Beginning on November 15, 2005, you can join a Prescription Drug Plan if you don't want to keep the PDP Medicare assigned.
- If you want to enroll in a PDP on your own, you have to do this by December 31, 2005.
- If you do not change to a different PDP on your own by December 31, 2005, Medicare will automatically enroll you in the PDP they assigned you to in October. Medicare is doing this to make sure that you have prescription drug coverage on January 1, 2006.



Use the worksheet on the back of this page to help you choose the right Medicare prescription drug plan for you.

Do you have *both* of these cards?

MEDICARE

HEALTH INSURANCE

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

NAME OF BENEFICIARY
JOHN D. DOE
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER
123-456-789A
IS ENTITLED TO
HOSPITAL INSURANCE (PART A)
MEDICAL INSURANCE (PART B)
SIGN HERE ➡

SEX
MALE
EFFECTIVE DATE
1/1/95
1/1/95
John D. Doe

MaineCare
Health Care for Maine People

John D. Doe ID# 000000000A DOB: 0/00/00
Pharmacy: BIN# 000000 Proc# MEPOP

This card is not proof of eligibility.
Verify eligibility before providing services.

If you do, this
brochure has important
information for you.

How do I choose the right PDP for me?

- Fill in the worksheet with the drugs you take now and what they cost (full cost). If you don't know the cost, check with your pharmacy.
- In the fall when the PDPs start advertising, check the list of drugs each PDP will cover. Look for a plan that covers all or most of the drugs you take.
- If you don't find a plan that covers all the drugs that MaineCare has been paying for, find out which PDP covers your highest cost drugs.
- Once you decide which PDP is right for you, check with your pharmacy to make sure they accept it.

If you need help to pick the best plan, call the MaineCare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-866-796-2463 or TTY 207-287-1828.

Where else can I get help?

- At your local DHHS office
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 1-877-353-3771 or Voice and TTY 1-800-750-5353
- On the web at www.medicare.gov
- By calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or TTY 1-877-486-2048
- Legal Services for the Elderly 1-800-750-5353

Finding the Best Drug Coverage for You

Filling out this page will give you the basic information you will need to make the best choice in a prescription drug plan. You can use this information to help compare what plan is best for you.

My Medicines: Find out and write down the names of all the prescription drugs you take now. Each Medicare Prescription Drug Plan has a list of drugs it covers (often called a **formulary**). Having a list of the drugs you take makes it easier to figure out which plans might suit your needs. Any information you can provide will be helpful. **The first line is just an example.** Attach an extra sheet if necessary.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Full Cost Per Prescription
<i>Example: Lipitor</i>	<i>Atorvastatin</i>	<i>\$102</i>

My notes, questions and answers:

Use this area to write down any questions you might want to take to a counselor.



Additional Resource Information

for People with Disabilities

■ Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS Project)

Assistance for people with disabilities who have Social Security and are in cash payment. Services can include help with prescription drug coverage problems associated with the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program.

Disability Rights Center
1-800-452-1948

■ Benefits Counseling for Social Security Beneficiaries

Going to work and earning more income can impact your benefits like MaineCare, Medicare, housing, Food Stamps and Social Security. Benefits Counselors can help you sort out what this means for you.

From anywhere in the State, call:

Maine Medical Center Vocational Services

1-888-208-8700
1-207-871-2088
1-207-871-4900 TTY

Alpha One

Bangor: 1-800-300-6016
South Portland: 1-800-640-7200
These numbers are for voice and TTY.

■ **Do you know that you could earn up to \$4,180 a month** (single person in 2005) and still receive MaineCare benefits? Ask your local DHHS office about this, or go to www.maine.gov/dhhs/beas/work.